



FRIENDLY HILLS SCHOOL

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HAWK HEADLINER

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THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE: A PROUD PRINCIPAL

Since our last newsletter to you in December, there has been a hubbub of activity around Friendly Hills. I was able to see, first hand, how giving and generous the students and families are, at our school. It is an honor to be the principal of such an awesome school.

We started the month with what was my first quarterly awards assembly as principal of Friendly Hills. Not only am I proud to proclaim that we had over 50 honor roll students in our grades 4-6, but nearly that many on merit roll as well. Those are our A and B average students who are working diligently above grade level. We also have high academic achievers in our K-3 and junior high grades, as well. Not only have I been impressed by our students wanting to receive the outstanding education our marvelous teachers have to offer, but the citizenship of most of our youngsters is exemplary. Also, over 27% of our student body had perfect attendance for the first quarter! This is a very difficult achievement as a student cannot be

absent, for any reason, and cannot be tardy or leave early without an official medical exemption. These children and their parents are to be commended. Most of our perfect attenders are also on the honor roll – it is a well known statistic that there is a correlation. Well done! Keep up the good work!

Our annual Paddington's parade brought in two truck loads of new toys and stuffed animals for our local women and children's shelter. Unity Home was profoundly grateful for the generosity of our children. On behalf of them, a big thank you.

I'm proud of the Friendly Hills staff who gave from their hearts to feed 6 needy families this holiday season. We were able to send home 2 overflowing boxes to each of those families, filled with holiday goodies and staples.

Words cannot express my gratitude for the opportunity to work with you and your children. Best wishes for the new year as we continue working together.

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Dates of interest:

- * 1/8 Awards Assemblies
- * 1/13 FHEA Parent Group
- * 1/19 Martin Luther King Jr Holiday (no school)
- * 1/23 End of 2nd Quarter
- * 1/30 Staff Development Day (no school)



Snow Days?

At this time of year, we like to remind you that there is always a possibility that school may be canceled if the buses are not able to drive safely on our roads. This hasn't happened in several years, but is possible due to excessive flooding or snow. The decision is made by our superintendent early in the morning. Then the local radio stations are called. If you suspect that school may be canceled because of weather, please listen to your favorite radio station or call the school after 8:00 a.m. If a district-wide school day is canceled, it will be re-scheduled either during Spring Break or in June.



The weather outside is frightful, so please be sure your children wear sweaters, jackets, hats and gloves. Also be sure that you put your child's name inside each belonging.

Hawk Walk (an annual fundraiser for grades 5-8)

Who participates in an annual fundraiser that not only earns dollars for their grade level, but is great exercise as well? Our upper grade students do, that's who. Well, they walked, they ran, they skipped, they jogged laps around the back playground and soccer field. The following 5th and 6th graders won in their classification and received \$10.00 gift certificates to Stater Bros.:

5th grade girls

Brittney Candelaria (29 laps)
Allie Seibert (29 laps)

5th grade boys

Domenic Pasqualicchio (33 laps)

6th grade girls

Taylor Russell (27 laps)
Breanna Schoenfeldt (27 laps)
Michelle Tuthill (27 laps)

6th grade boys

Sean Martel (33 laps)

Our junior high top runners, including bragging rights were:

7th grade

Sarah Reed (26 laps)
Julio Luna (31 laps)

8th grade

Dakota Westlake (24 laps)
Jerry Suddreth (35 laps)

One Hundred Mile Club...

They just keep running.... who? Those in the 100-mile club, that's who. They run before school, during recess and whenever they can get their feet to moving. Book after book is getting filled up with stamps as they round the track in this healthy activity. Take a look at our "Wall of Fame" as it fills up in the cafeteria. Trophies will be awarded at the end of the school year.

Did you know that last year's longest distant trophy winner ran a total of 200 miles and the all time record runner at FHES ran 403 miles? WOW! That's a lot of books to fill and some awesome records to break, so keep on running everyone!

Our children are like mirrors -
They reflect our
attitudes in life.

Please call in all
absences when your
child will not
be at school.

FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

The parent group sponsored fundraiser, See's candy sales, has now come to a close. This is our most successful fundraiser of the year, raising over \$5,000 once everyone turns in their envelopes. The monies earned enables us to send every class on at least one field trip and also helps teachers obtain needed materials for projects in the classroom. Congratulations to our top sellers who won \$150, \$100 and \$50 for first, second and third place with an honorable mention, along with a Hawk sweatshirt for our fourth place seller.

First Place:	Tony Colegio	40 boxes
Second Place:	Nick Colegio	28 boxes
Third Place:	Sean Martel	21 boxes
Fourth Place:	Tyler Waring	15 boxes

Please be sure that you've turned in all monies collected. There is still about \$1000 not yet turned in and we need those dollars for our field trip funds.

The Winter Book Fair brought us wonderful books to select from for the holiday season. A

The best inheritance a parent can give to his children is a few minutes of his time each day.

good profit was netted from this fundraiser, along with terrific books put into the hands of children.

As we make the turn into the second half of the year, watch for ways that you can get involved in this invaluable group. Friendly Hills Elementary Association (FHEA) meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please join us as we meet together to benefit our children. Our next meeting is January 13th.

Has Your Nest Changed?

Several families made changes over the holidays. If you moved, changed your phone number, emergency numbers or child's mode of transportation to or from school, please notify the office. We keep close track of this information in the office and always need updated emergency information. We will always insist on the regular mode of transportation unless we have notification from the parent. We often have students tell us they are supposed to go home with a friend and we can't allow this, unless we have heard from you. Thank you for your understanding in this matter as this is really for your child's safety and protection.



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Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.

Look for our school web page at the following web site:
<http://fhs.morongsd.com>

Our Story

Friendly Hills School was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 4000 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated from high school in the year 2000. We are confident that those students and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong, well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.

SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a decision making body within the school. This

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is just
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committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

During this past month the committee looked at finances for the remainder of the

year. As with home budgets, the schools get hit, too, with larger expenses for just normal

classroom supplies, books and materials. With large budget cuts looming for schools, we are trying to be extra careful.

We're always looking for interested parents to serve on this vital committee. If interested, please contact Mr. Papp. The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 11 at 3:45 pm.





November Awards

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	Timmy Hesse	Christopher Sniffin	Dylan Freeman	Jackelyn Aflaki
Mrs. Candelaria	Wyatt Orten	David Christian	Jared Lindley	Joshua Pringle
Mr. Chambless	Domenic Pasqualicchio	Krista Chinen	David Brake	Courtney Ambrosius
Mrs. Feltges	Tina Phipps		Azriel Flores	
Mrs. Friedman	Andy Hesse	Matt Boling	Ronda Ebeling	Jessie McCorkle
Mr. Hesse	Aubrey Wolfe	Karson Scaccionoce	John Ligon	Marissa Weeks
Mrs. Hesse	Cheyenne Hernandez	T.J. Hannah	Mikayla Cressy	Candace Cook
Mrs. Leal	Tatiana Alonso	Amanda Peper	Karissa Lowry	Michelle Tuthill
Mrs. Mann	Sarah Byrne	Herbin Landgrave	Ryan Baca	Joey Ramirez
Mrs. Mitz	Chase Clevenger	Lauren Schmelling	Ryan Fauls	Leanna White
Mrs. Reed	Jenna Fisher	Cecelia Monkress	Krista Blevins	Brittany Hocker
Mrs. Reid-Laubenstein	Sarah Clark	Fabio Meza	Sean Martel	Lauren Myers
Mrs. Seacat	Isaac Hocker	Seyene Bolivar	Israel Muniz	Olivia Paul
Mrs. Strader	Priscilla Richards	Matthew Watkins	Stephen Prusso	Marissa Salomon
Ms. Subriar	Christina Miller	Amanda Reilly	Christian Kahrs	Ashley Reilly
Mrs. Tilson	Sierra Meskin	Darron Pope	Melanie Culver	Delaney Tucker
Ms. Watsabaugh	Kyler Leagon		John David Farr	
Mrs. Winchell	Elise Kelley	Terren Zanella	Jacquelyn Adams	Parker Howard

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